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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Iversen, *et al.*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office action issued on September 11, 2002, for the above-referenced patent application, the due date having been extended by one (1) month to November 11, 2002, (which falls on a Monday and a Federal Holiday, extending the actual due date to Tuesday, November 12, 2002), Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits in view of the following restriction election set forth herein.